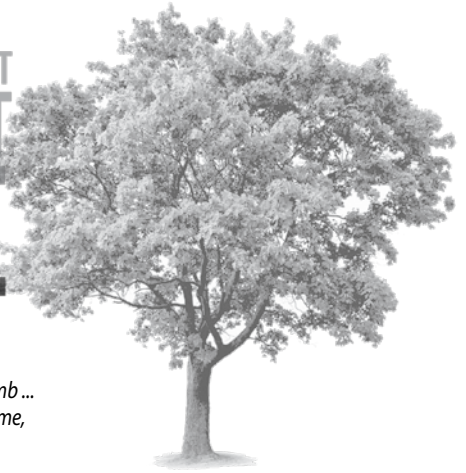


A TRANSPARENT LOOK AT LIFE



I. A transparent look at **THE BIBLE** reveals God's care for life at _____.

A. God knits the baby together with His own divine hands.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb ... in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. Psalm 139:13-16

B. God knows each child before He begins to form them, and has a plan for their future.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5

C. God creates each baby with the ability to respond to stimuli even in their mother's womb.

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. Luke 1:41

II. A transparent look at **SCIENCE** _____ the Bible's view that life begins at conception.

A. Growth begins immediately after conception as cells multiply.

B. The gender of the baby can be determined within the first week.

C. In 24 days the heart begins to beat, and in 40 days it already outputs 20 percent of an adult heart's energy.

III. A transparent look at **CULTURE** promises a bleak _____ if we do not choose life.

MEDICAL ETHICS BLUR Clients become consumers with choices.

MORALITY DECLINES Illegal and negligent behavior is abetted.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH DECAYS Abortion snuffs out the physical life of the child and the emotional life of those involved.

A THEOLOGICAL TIME BOMB BEGINS TICKING God's judgment has eventually come to every nation that did not protect life.

PRO-CHOICE ARGUMENT

"No one really knows exactly when life begins."

"The mother has a right to control her own body."

"An unwanted baby shouldn't be brought into the world."

"You can't legislate morality or project it onto others."

"The mother's life can't be put at risk."

PRO-LIFE REBUTTAL

There's always a chance you're taking a life.

The baby has its own body and rights.

No baby is unwanted by everyone.

Morality is legislated in other areas of life.

Options exist to protect the baby and the mother.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT

_____ is introducing greater transparency and helping to turn the tide toward life.

There is a growing movement of _____ people taking up the cause of life.

Your church is fighting for life—and we are seeing _____ !

A TRANSPARENT LOOK AT LIFE HOME GROUP LESSON

1. What would you say if someone asked you, "Why is Christ Chapel pro-life?"
2. Is there dissonance between your church's (and the Bible's) view of life and your own? Despite the difficult subject matter, do you participate in marking this day once a year, or do you tend to consider it a Sunday you don't need to come? Explain.
3. Can you think of other pro-choice arguments and pro-life rebuttals that aren't listed on the sermon notes? How can emotional arguments be effective in convincing some people, even when they are contrary to indisputable logic and physical evidence?
4. Read Psalm 139 and discuss what you learn about God.
5. Under the section OUR ENCOURAGEMENT on the sermon notes, which is the most valuable to you? Are there others not listed here that you're aware of?
6. How might you get involved in this fight? Consider volunteering as a group with a pro-life or anti-trafficking ministry, or exploring what they do so you can support in other ways (more information is below).

Pray for life issues as the Spirit leads.

PRO-LIFE		
Pregnancy Lifeline Fort Worth	pregnancylifeline.net	817-292-6449
Fort Worth Pregnancy Center	fwpc.org	817-924-9110
Grace House Ministries Weatherford	gracehouseministries.net	817-599-9080
The Women's Clinic Grapevine	thewomens.clinic/grapevine	817-200-4396
Pregnancy Help Center Fort Worth	phcfw.org	817-560-2226
Mid-Cities Pregnancy Center	mcpregnancy.org	817-577-4387
ANTI-TRAFFICKING		
The Net	thenetfw.com	
Valiant Hearts	valianthearts.org	
Traffick911	traffick911.com	
UnBound Fort Worth	unboundnow.org/chapter/fort-worth/	
5 Stones Anti-Trafficking Taskforce 60+ organizations are on hand at public meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the FWPD Building (1100 Nashville Ave.)		
Group Education CCBC's Local Outreach Director or a representative from 5 Stones is available to give a presentation to your Home Group or other gatherings		
Lance Cashion, Local Outreach Director LanceC@christchapelbc.org 817-945-2307		

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE LUNCHEON IS

TODAY AT 12:15 P.M. If you'd like to continue today's conversation, join us for lunch in the Oak Room and hear from a panel of experts and professionals who fight daily to save victims of trafficking right here in Fort Worth. Can't make it, but want to know more? Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/serve and click "For Life" to learn about our ministry partners and how you can get involved in this fight.

ART REACH SUBMISSIONS OPEN THIS

FRIDAY! We're planning adult and youth galleries to showcase the talent of those who call CCBC home, and we need your help! Artists, it's time to get out your paintings, photographs, drawings and more because online submissions begin this Friday, Jan. 26 and in-person submissions are this Saturday, Jan. 27. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/artreach for everything you need to know about Art Reach and the submission process.

SAY "YES!" TO THE NEXT GENERATION!

Every week our Children's Ministry has a blast teaching kids about Jesus and the gospel. If you're looking for a place to serve, why not say "Yes!" to our kids? You can serve in a class or at the Welcome Center weekly, monthly or as a sub. Email Stephanie at StephanieF@christchapelbc.org to learn more today.

FEELING OVERWHELMED? SIGN UP FOR

OUR NEWEST CLASS. We all feel it at times—demands, duties and deadlines that won't let up. If you regularly fight fear, stress and anxiety, join us beginning Sunday, Feb. 4 for "Overwhelmed." Together we'll explore how to handle those feelings in light of what we know about God and His love for us. Sign up at www.ccbcsoulcare.org. The class will meet at 9:15 a.m. in Link Classroom South.

GUYS, IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JUMP INTO BAND OF BROTHERS THIS THURSDAY.

We've just started our new study in the book of Acts—join us this Thursday at either 6:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. and discover how God used ordinary men and women to do some incredible things in our world. Come find your place in the story with our community of men. Sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

LADIES, WOMEN IN THE WORD MEETS

THIS THURSDAY. Join us for our new study, "The King and His Kingdom: The Gospel of Matthew." You'll learn how Jesus, the awaited Messiah King, came to bring God's plan of salvation and usher in the kingdom of God. You'll also see pictures of His life and ministry that show His love, compassion, authority and power. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events to sign up.